Master's cause and under the guidance of Bro. Ed. it cannot but succeed with the blessings of God. The brethren all seemed interested in the College and expressed a desire to lend their aid, but could not under existing circumstances. I however received a liberal collection for my personal expenses. Many thanks to the dear brethren and sisters for their kindness shown me while here. May the Lord reward you and bless you and help you, and if we never more meet here again, may our Divine Father grant us a blessed meeting in the other world.

Was conveyed from here to Salem by Bro. Flora. Found the brethren here alive in the vineyard. The future outlook of this church is surely encouraging. Bro. Fitzgerald is pastor here and the earnestness and zeal manifested by the dear brethren and sisters speaks well for him. During his short time of labor here more than twenty-five souls have come to God. His devotedness to the Master's cause sustained by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will bring many more home to God. Many thanks to the brethren and sisters for their kindness shown me and if I may not be able to reward you may our loving Father richly bless you and reward you for your deeds of kindness. Secured some donations for the College and a liberal collection for expenses. Dear brethren at Salem hold fast to the faith. Fight the battles of the Lord manfully. "Quit you like men." And may our Heavenly Parent bless us all, keep us by his loving hand, guide us by his eye and permit us a glorious meeting around His throne in heaven, if we meet no more in this vale of tears and sadness and death.

Went from Salem to Bunker Hill, arrived at about eleven o'clock. No one to meet me and while waiting for some one to meet me I was attacked with a "dreadful case of the blues." Felt like giving up in despair, but I thought of Shakspeare's words "not failure but low aim is crime." Soon however, I was met by Bro. Fishtorn who conveyed me to his hospitable home. I began to revive. Was informed that I was to preach that night, arrived at the church, found a good congregation. Saw a motto in that church above the pulpit inscribed "No cross, no crown" which completely cured me. The brethren to say the least are earnest, persistent workers for God and under the guidance of Bro. Fitzgerald will march gloriously on to victory. In my little travel I never met a more hospitable, generous class of people than here, and the brethren and sisters have my sincere thanks for their kindness. May the good Lord abundantly reward you with grace, mercy and love. May we all put on "the whole armor of God" and may we, if it no more falls our lot to meet again in this world triumph over death, hell and the grave and be reunited in one unbroken band of redeemed souls around God's throne in heaven.

From Bunker Hill I went to Roann, was met by our worthy brethren Zook and Fitzgerald, and was soon comfortably lodged at the home of Bro. Zook. Attended to College matters the next day meeting some of the brethren and sisters here. This church is also under the leadership of Bro. Fitzgerald and is in a prosperous condition. The enterprise of the brethren here is manifest by a stately edifice erected to the service of God but recently, and preparations making for the building of another in Roann. May the goodness, mercy and love of God ever be yours. Please to accept my thanks for your kindness to me, and may God the rewarder of them that do good bless you.

My article is growing long so I must close. May God bless his work in all places of his dominion. May all his disciples be faithful until death and they will receive a crown of life. May every brother and sister be able to say when the hour of death draws nigh, with Paul of old:—"I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearance." When he appears to make up his jewels may we all be a gem in his kingdom is my prayer.

From your Christian brother,
J. ALLIE MILLER.

Peru, Ind.

Miami Valley Items.

On Sunday, the 25th, we went to Miamisburg to fill our regular appointment. The weather was very bad. It rained hard all the morning. Although we had but a congregation of 28, all told, one came out on the Lord's side. This brings the number of our infant church to 22.

I can remember the very discouraging remark a good brother made concerning the work at this place during the Sunday School convention at Bear Creek.

I was just back from one of our meetings at a school house, when I met a small batch of Brethren at a street corner in Dayton. I was jubilant over the success we had, and was telling the brethren how we had raised $1,110 (not $11.10) toward building a new church. One of the brethren asked, "But how many have you baptized?" And of course I had to answer, "none." Then the discouraging remark that followed went away down to the soles of my shoes.

But I want to call the attention of the brother now, if this meets his eye, that his prognostications that day were not true. Sometimes conversion must go deeper than the water. It is not always a sign of conversion when a person is baptized. One may be converted to baptism, and yet not converted to Christ. In nine cases out of ten, when the conversion reaches the pocket book, it is genuine. We would all like to see that converted anyway, especially when so much is just now needed for the College.

The Miamisburg church is in a very prosperous condition. There are lots more to follow.

I often find that some brethren will throw cold water on an enterprize if it is not done to suit their individual taste. Much harm has resulted from that kind of discouragement.

I notice that we can get out a paper even if there is no editor at Ashland. That is very encouraging.

If any of our readers have not read "Come, let us reason together," by E. A. Orr, clipped from *Gospel Messenger*, they had better hunt up last week's paper and read it. When will wonders cease? I truly believe it it had been written for the EVANGELIST, that some one would have criticized it, as leading the way toward some contemplated innovation.

Bro. Vittum, of Columbus, O. who asked for the nearest church, might be recommended to the Glenford church, which is only 22 miles from Columbus, on the C. & E. R. R. It seems to me that is the nearest.

Our meetings at Little York are now in progress. We commenced last Sunday evening and we have had a wet and muddy time of it—I mean going to and coming from the meeting. Inside, of course, everything has been dry. No one feels discouraged, and we expect to have a good report to make.

Brethren Isaac Kilhefner and Deffenbaugh surprised us here. Bro. Kilhefner preached for us on Monday night, which was much appreciated.

By the way, we came very nearly having a debate with a minister of the Disciple church. The nearness of this debate puts me in mind of a man that said he was very nearly getting married once. He asked a girl to marry him and she said no. That was very much the way it was about the debate.

I will send a full report of the circumstance for the inside next week.

EDWARD MASON.

Scraps.

Brother Heeter filled my appointment at Prattville, Mich., and brother Rittenhouse at College, Ind., in February, while I was at West Independence, Ohio. Both brethren gave good satisfaction. Brother Heeter preached near two weeks, and had he remained another day or two he might have gathered some of the fruits of his labors. It is said several were nearly ready to unite with the church.

One confessed the Lord, and was received as a candidate for baptism at our regular meeting at Oakville, Ind., (Feb. 4th.) Others, it is said, were near, but we were sick the last evening of the meeting and could not therefore attend, although only a few rods away.

At our last appointment at Oakville, (March 3rd,) brother Teeter kindly filled the pulpit for me as I felt somewhat indisposed. The following day at the close of the Sabbath School, and just before the sermon, a motion was made, seconded and carried to withhold our service for the time and all attend the German Baptist's meeting near the town, and hear brother Levi Holsinger, of the German Baptist's preach his farewell sermon. Our congregation marched over to the old Beech Grove church like a little army. Brother Teeter and I were unexpectedly invited to seats with the German Baptist ministers, and Elder Holsinger had me to make some remarks and lead the closing prayer. At the close of the meeting Elder Holsinger complimented the brethren for the respects they paid them, and on the principle that one "good favor deserves another," he called in their appointment for that evening, and invited his members to attend our meeting, which he, and some of the other members did, and brother Holsinger returned the compliment by helping us to conduct our evening service.

We held our meetings in Williams Co., Ohio, for the present month, near Kunkle, in an old U. B. church. The weather and roads being very bad, our congregations were comparitively small, but the attention for the most part was good. True, some of those perfect (?) people who have been born again (?) and cannot therefore sin (?) any more, flounced around considerably about our doctrine. People at that point can be baptized without water (?) and become perfect (?) without any reguard to the commandments of God.

Brother S. T. Grove, I cannot tell you what has become of the article that I was going to have reproduced. I sent it to the Publishing House the same day we parted at Marcus, but have not heard from it since. I too have been anxiously looking for it, and if it did not happen to get into the waste basket or stove, it may come out yet.

It is all right Bro. Kilhefner, I did not mean to criticise you just for the sake of criticism, but when you used the expression "laid on hands and prayed," I took it for granted that you laid on hands and prayed at the same time, and this I supposed you had done in a kind of reckless way, as others have evidently done, and I thought it would not be amiss to remind you and others, that the "Bible alone is our creed." I did this however with the best of feelings, and hope that no harm was done. Really, I thought more strangely of the editor for begging the question for you, than I did of you. Come, brother Garber, Bible truthes are not "very trivial matters." If we claim the Bible for our creed, we should treat its teachings with becoming respect. The little criticism which I offered brother Kilhefner, was not intended for you alone. I am sure there are brethren who have violated Apostolic example, not only in word, but in deed. I have heard of one brother who presumingly consecrated several by having them to kneel, forming a semi circle, then he bowed within said, circle and stretched his hands over or towards them and prayed for them. Thus laid on hands (?) without touching one of them. As well talk about baptizing without water. Brethren who do work in such a loose way must either be ignorant of what the Bible teaches, or reckless, if ignorant they need to be taught which be the first principle of the gospel, if reckless they need to be censured.

I am writing in the school room where Bro. Mark Harvey is teaching at College Corner, Ind., whose school I am visiting today. Brother Harvey is teaching a six months' school here, and is giving good satisfaction. He is a young man of promise; and is one of the 30 who united with the church during the revival held at this place last spring. The lady who taught here when the meeting was held too united. Hope all the teachers who may teach here, hereafter may do likewise.

J. H. SWIHART.

March 26, 1888.

In the Field.

According to previous arrangement I left my home for Pennsylvania to canvass for Ashland College. Landed at Johnstown, where I met Bro. J. L. Kimmel, and we are now working together. Have been here over a week, made many acquaintances, did some preaching, are meeting with encouraging success in getting money. All seem pleased with the College settlement, are eager to retain the College and are hopeful for its future. Now brethren remember the 1st of May is drawing nigh and the College property is to be transferred to the Brethren church, and we must have not less than 6500 dollars to meet our contract by that time. Send in all you can as soon as possible without fail. Do not wait or depend on some one else.

We trust our solicitors in the west are pushing the work and are meeting with good success.

One more effort, and the debt will be paid, and we can all rejoice together.

JOSIAH KEIM.

Louisville, Ohio, March 27, '88.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. Brown is away down in Pennsylvania now.

The church at Lanark, Ill., has three stations where regular services are held.

Several brethren sent in subscription for the College the past week. Let others follow.

Take notice now that Eld. H. R. Holsinger's address is Ontario, Cal., and not South Bend or Chicago.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Josiah Keim is meeting with encouragement in his work for the College.

Bro. J. H. Worst expects to return to his home in Dakota, now, after spening the winter in earnest work in Illinois and Indiana.

The organization of Sabbath Schools are now receiving attention of the country churches. Let it be done with great earnestness.

Bro. A. A. Cober is pressed with work in his field at Milford, Ind., and there are many outposts which he would occupy if he had the time.

Bro. J. S. Shoemaker, of Ashland, has moved to Fostoria, O. This takes several more members away from our little church here at Ashland.

The Ohio Home Mission and S. S. Convention is now engaging the attention of Ohio brethren. The time will soon be at hand to hold the session.

Bro. DeBolt is the man for this country, is the word that comes from Davenport, Neb. He has a crowded house every night and applicants right along.

We are gratified to hear of the success in Maryland. Brother Bowman is a very worthy young minister, and constant work with help from others will eventually bring a harvest.

Eld. John Nicholson was holding a protracted meeting at Picksell last week. Bro. Nicholson has been doing some effective work in Nebraska within the past eighteen months.

Elder Irvin, of Elkhart, Ind., is expected to preach at the church at Dunlaps, Ind., for a season. Bro. Ditch's removal to South Bend, will leave them without a regular minister.

The Dayton, Ohio, church has sent in twenty dollars for the College. These are dollar donations. This is exceedingly good for a congregation as small. It shows that they are true soldiers of the cause.